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15	International: Reaction to Controls on Cocaine Proc	essing Chemicals
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	International efforts to limit availability of essential	processing chemicals to drug
	traffickers have led South American cocaine traffick	ers to take a number of
	countermeasures. They have sought new sources of	cumply attempted to circum-
	countermeasures. They have sought new sources of	supply, attempted to encum-
	vent controls by transshipping through different cou	
	moved their processing operations into countries wh	ere chemicals are cheaper or
	easier to obtain. Some traffickers are developing dru	g products and methods that
	do not require the controlled chemicals.	
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23	Worldwide Narcotics Highlights
	A summary of key developments from 15 December 1985 through 1 March 1985.

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On 11 February, 16 campesinos were murdered in <i>Peru's Upper Huallaga Valley</i> , the target area for US-funded antinarcotics efforts.
Narcotics traffickers murdered 19 Peruvians engaged in coca eradication in this same region on 16 November, causing the program to be held up more than two months. After the February killings, eradication operations were temporarily suspended before starting up again at a much lower level.
Other drug-related developments in <i>Peru</i> for the period of 15 December 1984 to 1 March 1985 reflect the mercurial nature of the Peruvian situation. In December, Lima took actions that sent a strong message to drug traflickers:  • Gen. Juan Balaguer, Director General of the Civil Guard, was removed from
<ul> <li>office for corruption.</li> <li>Peruvian millionaire Carlos Langeberg Melendez was convicted on drug trafficking charges and sentenced to 15 years in prison.</li> </ul>
Interdiction and eradication were resumed in the upper Huallaga Valley on a limited scale but strained police-military relations continued to hamper drug control efforts in the region, with each side accusing the other of drug-related corruption.
Plans were made for the drug abuse awareness program scheduled for early March in Lima, and the US Embassy's drug education programs showed signs of changing some Peruvian citizens' attitudes toward drug use.
Trends and events that may affect future <i>Peruvian</i> drug control efforts include the presidential election scheduled for April, a growing sophistication in the Peruvian drug industry, and the possibility of Sendero Luminoso (SL) involvement in drug trafficking:
<ul> <li>A Garcia or Barrantes victory in the April election could have far-reaching implications for drug control. Both candidates have indicated that they would reshape Peru's drug control policy and concentrate more on crop substitution and education and less on eradication.</li> </ul>

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